

From: [Kevin Bagatta](#)
To: [Geist, Laura \(DHHS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Contract amendment 2017
Date: Wednesday, December 28, 2016 9:41:53 AM

Did you get my 8:43 am e-mail?
Kevin

From: "Geist, Laura (DHHS)" <GeistL1@michigan.gov>
Date: Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at 8:16 AM
To: "Derman, Barbara (DHHS)" <DermanB@michigan.gov>, "Thomas A. Lang" <ra-operations@comcast.net>
Cc: "Hensler, Jeanette (DCH)" <HenslerJ1@michigan.gov>, "Charest, Deanna (DCH)" <CharestD@michigan.gov>, Kevin Bagatta <ra-president@comcast.net>
Subject: RE: Contract amendment 2017

Good morning, Tom and Kevin,

I have not yet received a signed copy of your amendment documents. As a reminder, I do need to have a signed copy **today** in order to extend the end date of your original agreement.

Please sign, scan, and send back a copy of the amendment documents. I have attached an additional copy to this message for your convenience.

If you have further questions, please let me know.

Thank you,
Laura

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From: Derman, Barbara (DHHS)
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Hi Tom, We apologize for the delay in getting back to you. The folks in Contracts do not feel that this is necessary to add further TANF language to the contract, rather are more concerned with getting

this moving for the beginning of the year.

If you would like to discuss further, I would direct you to Laura Geist at 517-241-3932 or Jeanette Hensler 517-241-8764 in that section, so we can move forward.

I hope you have a wonderful holiday!

Barbara (Quess) Derman, MSW

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Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 1:56 PM

To: Derman, Barbara (DHHS) <DermanB@michigan.gov>

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Quess -

I'm trying to find a way to help move this matter forward.

Would it be better and more expedient if we simply placed the language below into our Work Plan which is incorporated in the contract?

Thank you!

Tom

From: Thomas Lang <ra-operations@comcast.net>

Date: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 1:36 PM

To: "Derman, Barbara (DHHS)" <DermanB@michigan.gov>

Subject: Re: Contract amendment 2017

Thank you Quess! We're very close now.

Kevin has ben off since yesterday with the flu, so I'm trying to keep this moving forward in his absence.

With regard to Attachment F, this is the language that we have in both our Pennsylvania and Indiana contracts that we would like to have in our Michigan contract too. It clearly spells out how our Program meets the TANF requirements.

Thank you!

Tom

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("TANF") Purposes

The Michigan Pregnancy and Parenting Support Services Program serves pregnant women, women who think they may be pregnant, and women who are parents of children under 12 months old. The program primarily provides information and counseling that promotes childbirth instead of abortion and assists pregnant women in their decision regarding adoption or parenting. Other support includes the provision of self-administered pregnancy kits, baby food, maternity and baby clothing and baby furniture, as well as information and education, and referrals for other services for the needs of the women and newborn. The information and education provided includes topics regarding prenatal care, childbirth, adoption, parenting and the use of abstinence to avoid unplanned and out-of-wedlock pregnancies. All of these program services are provided free to women from the moment they are pregnant through 12 months after the birth of their child.

Based on the clients served and described above, the goals of the Michigan Pregnancy and Parenting Support Services Program coincides with TANF Goal 1, providing assistance to needy families so that children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives, and TANF Goal 3, preventing and reducing the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies. Clients, however, will also receive service that coincides with TANF Goal 2, ending the dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work, and marriage, and TANF Goal 4, encouraging the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

From: "Derman, Barbara (DHHS)" <DermanB@michigan.gov>

Date: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 12:13 PM

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Good morning Tom, I wanted to hear back from contracts before I answered your question. They have confirmed agreement with your assessment.
Please let me know if you have any further questions.

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From: Geist, Laura (DHHS)

Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 11:52 AM

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Hi Quess,

We agree with Real Alternatives assessment of the relationship type of our agreement.

Thank you,
Laura

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Any directions as to a response? Thanks

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To: Derman, Barbara (DHHS) <DermanB@michigan.gov>
Subject: FW: Contract amendment 2017

Quess -

See Kevin's email below concerning TANF funds.

Do you agree with Kevin's analysis? We need to be assured of this before the Contract Amendment can be signed with the TANF attachments that are included.

Thank you!
Tom

From: Kevin Bagatta <ra-president@comcast.net>

Date: Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 5:26 PM

To: "Derman, Barbara (DHHS)" <DermanB@michigan.gov>, "Thomas A. Lang" <ra-operations@comcast.net>

Cc: "Dunbar, Paulette Dobynes (DCH)" <dunbarp@michigan.gov>

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Hi Quess,

We have experience with TANF monies since our Pennsylvania and Indiana programs are funded with TANF. Since the TANF funds ("subaward") would flow from the Federal government to MHHS, pursuant to Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance), MHSS is considered to be the "pass-through entity."

Similarly, since MHSS as the pass-through entity provides the subaward to Real Alternatives, we are considered the "subrecipient."

Conversely, the independent vendor Service Provider organizations across the state do not receive any "subaward" from Real Alternatives. Instead, we have separate fee-for-services vendor contracts with each of them. Pursuant to the Uniform Guidance referenced above, the Service Providers are therefore deemed to be "contractors" (the term "vendor" has been replaced by the term "contractor" in the new Uniform Guidance). They are not "subrecipients".

We do, of course, monitor our vendor Service Providers with a 20- page monitoring checklist that helps us generate the Site Monitoring Report which we include in the Quarterly Reports to you.

As far as Real Alternatives is concerned as a subrecipient, annually independent CPA auditors conduct the appropriate TANF testing and have concluded every time that Real Alternatives is a "low-risk auditee." We will send you our latest audit which was just complete for our FY 2015-2016.

Please call if I can be of assistance.

Thanks,

Kevin

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Kevin, I believe you are correct with all of these questions, however, I am awaiting a response back from Paulette who is out of the office today and tomorrow.

I do look forward to visiting some sites with you. I am beginning to learn TANF compliance requirements, and plan to develop a tool looking at our contract and TANF HHS requirements, which I'll share with you for comment. . Send

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Hi Quess:

We need a little guidance from you so we can provide the budget as you like.

- 1) We project about \$167,000 unspent funds remaining from the \$850,000 funds by December 31, 2016. I assume those funds will roll-over with the new \$400,000 – right?
- 2) The term of the new amendment will be through December 31, 2017 – right?
- 3) In our proposed budget, you want to see the total as \$1,950,000?
- 4) For our cost allocation process, we need to spend the remaining Michigan state funds first before we use the Federal funds – Ok?
- 5) We would love for you to accompany us on our site monitorings to see our review procedures and meet these remarkable counselors.

Thanks,

Kevin

From: "Derman, Barbara (DHHS)" <DermanB@michigan.gov>
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Good afternoon Kevin,

We would like to amend your contract to include the 2017 allocation of TANF funding to the program. As this year's funding is federal dollars, the new amendment will need to reflect federal funding and CDFA compliance..

Please complete a new budget for the year adding your 400,000 allocation and our budget office will prepare the contract and get it to you as soon as possible.

Also this year as you are now up and fully serving clients, we would like to plan up to three site visits to sub-recipients. I looking forward to meeting some of your service workers.

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